### "Health Professional Training Tools for the Delivery of Culturally Competent Care"

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### Presentation Outline

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- Strategic Goals/Cultural Competency
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# Office of Minority Health's Mission Statement

To improve the health of racial and ethnic populations through the development of health policies and programs that help to eliminate health disparities.



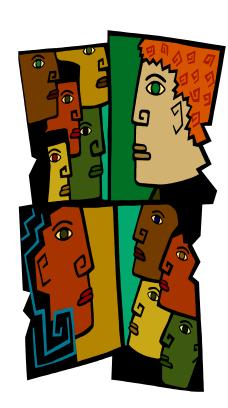
### **OMH Strategic Goals**

- Cultural and Linguistic Competence/Health Literacy
- Population Specific Initiatives
- Enhanced Racial/Ethnic Data Collection
- Workforce Development
- Dissemination of Knowledge



### Why Cultural Competency?

- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity of U.S. population demands new skills from health care workforce
- Lack of cross-cultural training programs
- Enhance health care providers' communication skills – improving health care for all patients
- Improve health status of racial and ethnic minority populations
- Close the gap between minority and non-minority populations





### What is cultural competency?



- Cultural competency is effectively providing services to people of all cultures, races, ethnic backgrounds and religions in a manner that respects the worth of the individual and preserves their dignity.
- It encompasses a person's race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, and socioeconomic status.



# How did we get here? Key Events and Findings in Cultural Competency

#### Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

 Prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin

#### Healthy People 2010 (HHS, 2000)

 HHS' public health agenda established the elimination of health care disparities as one of two overarching national goals



# National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care

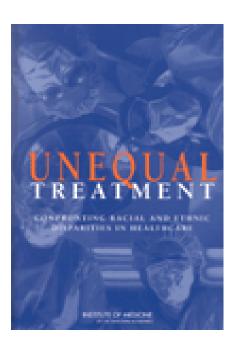
Released in 2000

## How did we get here?

### Key Events and Findings in Cultural Competency

### <u>Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic</u> <u>Disparities in Health Care (IOM, 2002)</u>

- Racial and ethnic disparities in health care exist and, are unacceptable
- Minorities receive lower quality of health care even when socio-economic and access-related factors were controlled
- Bias, stereotyping, prejudice, and clinical uncertainty may contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare





### What are "Health Disparities?"

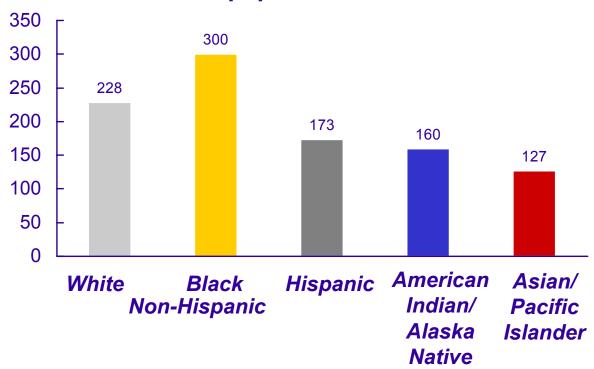
"Health disparities are differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of diseases and other adverse health conditions that exist among specific population groups in the United States"



### Coronary Heart Disease Death Rates,

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population





Source: Health, U.S. 2003: CDC/NCHS, National

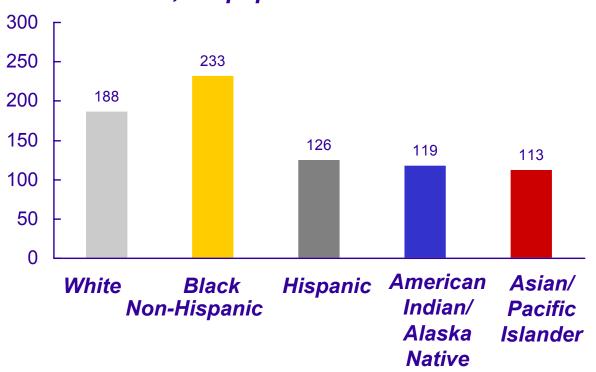
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### Cancer Disease Death Rates,

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population

Per 100,000 population



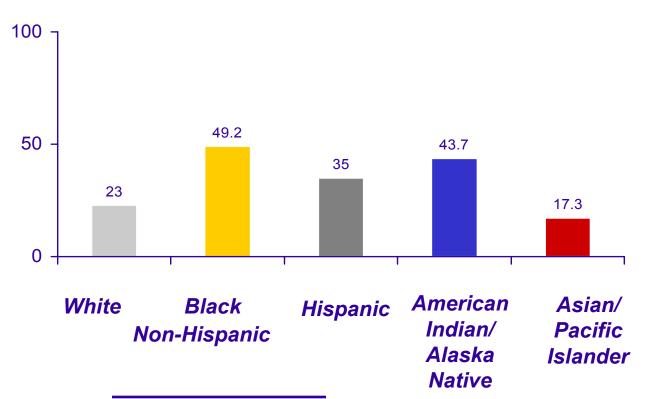
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### Diabetes-Related

Age-Adjusted Death Rates
Deaths per 100,000 population



Source: Health, U.S. 2006, CDC/NCHS, National

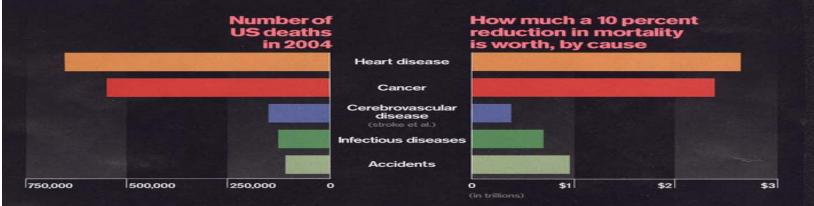
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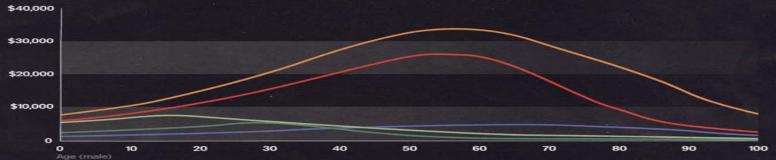
### **Well Worth the Cost**

Why preventing deaths would be a boon to the US economy.

How much would you pay to cure your mom's cancer? Your dad's bad heart? You may not be able to put a price on a loved one's life, but economists can. A recent study found that reducing the US death rate from cancer by just 1 percent would be worth nearly \$500 billion to the economy over the long haul. A cure? About \$50 trillion. That's because when people live longer, they typically work longer, and that productivity contributes to the nation's wealth. In fact, during the past century, increases in life expectancy were worth an average of \$1.2 million per person. Here's a look at five top causes of death in the US and what we'd gain by preventing them. — Michael Reilly

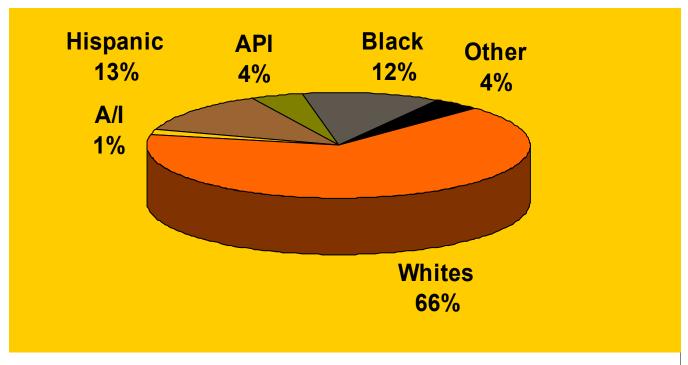


#### » Per-person value of a 10 percent reduction in mortality, by cause





### Demographic Trends

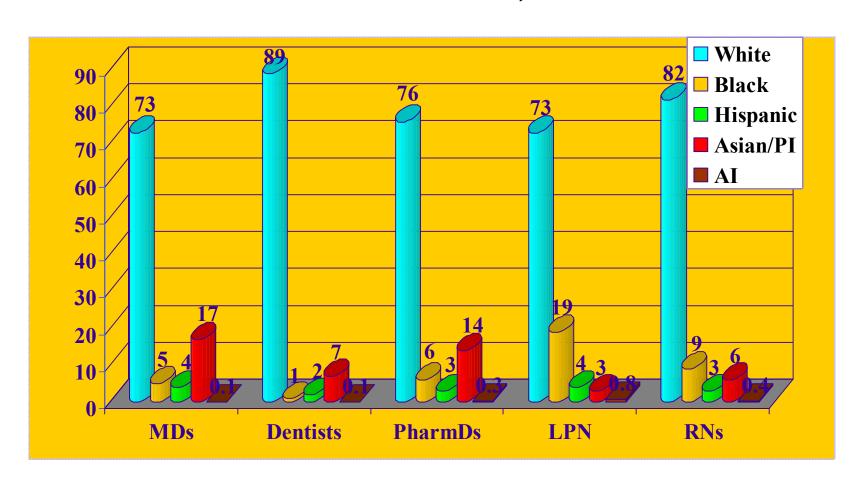


US Census Demographic Estimates by Race:2001



## Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Selected Health

Professions: Source: HRSA, U.S. Census 2000





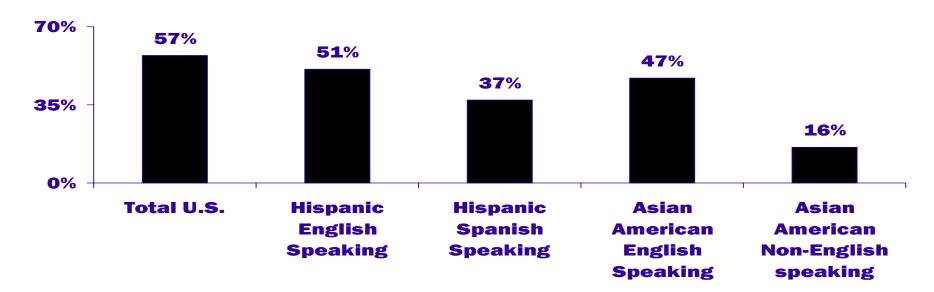
### Language Diversity in U.S.

- Spanish 28 million
- Chinese -2 million
- French 2 million
- German 1.3million
- Tagalog 1.1 million
- Vietnamese- 1 million
- Source: U.S. Census 2000 (Ages 5 and over)



# Non-English\* Speakers Have More Difficulty Understanding Instructions from Doctor's Office

Percent of adults reporting it very easy to understand information from doctor's office



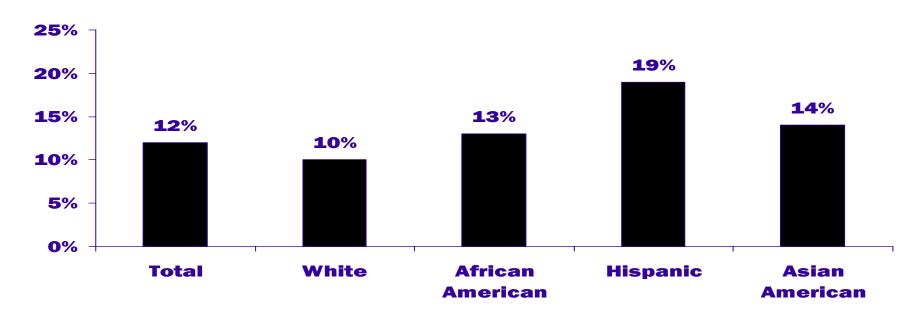
<sup>\*</sup> English is not primary language spoken at home.

Source: The Commonwealth Fund 2001 Health Care Quality Survey.



### Minorities More Likely to Forgo Asking Questions of Their Doctor

Percent of adults reporting they had questions which they did not ask on last visit



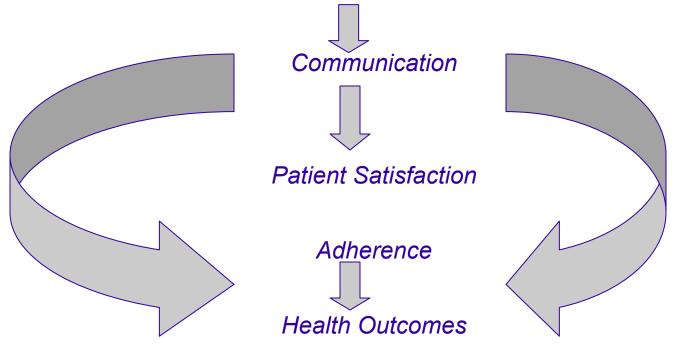
Base: Adults with health care visit in past two years.

Source: The Commonwealth Fund 2001 Health Care Quality Survey.



# Communication A link to Outcomes

How do we link communication to outcomes?





# The OMH Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care

- Mandated by Congress to address language barriers of Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals
- Develop and evaluate projects to increase language access for racially and ethnically diverse populations



### **OMH Cultural Competency Projects**

- National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care (CLAS)
- Cultural Competence Curriculum Modules for Physicians (CCCMs)
- Cultural Competence Curriculum Modules for Registered Nurses (CCNMs)

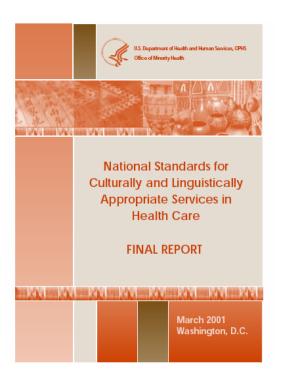


### **CLAS Standards**

 National Standards (14) for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care (CLAS) were developed by OMH as a means to improve access to health care for minorities, reduce disparities, and improve quality of care.

#### Three themes:

- Culturally Competent Care(1-3)
- Language Access Services(4-7)
- Organizational Supports(8-14)





# The Cultural Competency Curriculum Modules (CCCMs)

- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity of U.S. population demands new skills from physicians
- Lack of cross-cultural training programs
- Enhance physician's/nurses communication skills- improving healthcare for all patients;
- Improve health of racial and ethnic minority populations

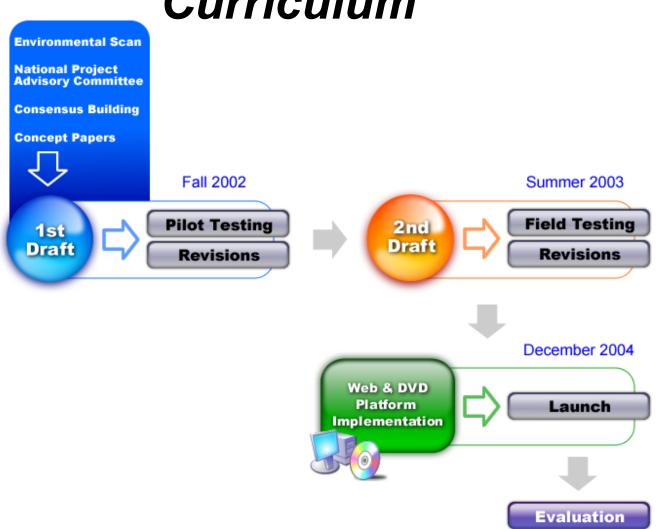


# A Physician's Practical Guide to Culturally Competent Care

- Continuing Medical Education (CME)/ Continuing Education Unit (CEU) accredited training course comprised of nine modules
  - Physicians
  - Nurses
  - Pharmacists
- Offered online at no cost
- Launched in December 2004: www.thinkculturalhealth.org



Development Process of the Curriculum





### Curriculum Design and Features

#### Participants can:

- Watch streaming video case studies
- Answer pre- and posttests that provide immediate feedback
- Take surveys
- Receive instant online grading and CME/CEU certification
- Order the complementary DVD supplement
- View other providers' comments





## What Makes This Program Unique?

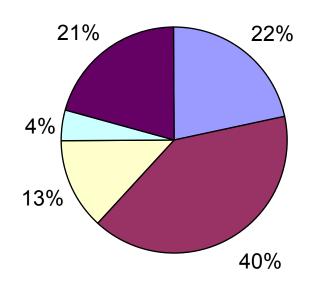
- Offered at no cost to providers
- Continuous quality improvement
  - Resources updated quarterly
  - Ongoing enhancements based on feedback
- Continuous tracking and monitoring
- DVD supplement enables group learning
- Partnership with CMS
  - Facilitator Guide for group learning





## User Profile: Previous Training

#### **Previous Cultural Competency Training**

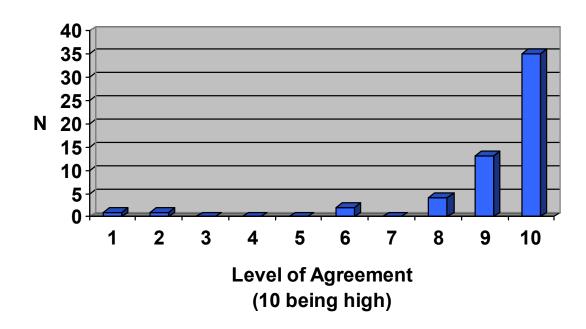






# Focus Group Questionnaire Highlights

All health care professionals should receive cultural competency training.





## CCCM At A Glance Statistics as of January 31, 2007

- Program launch: December 6, 2004
- 8,309 Registered users
- Credits awarded:
  - CME: 16,062
  - Nursing CEU: 5,848.2
  - Pharmacy CEU: 168
- 70% Female
- 67% White
- Largest age group: 45-54
- Top specialties:
  - Family Practice
  - Internal Medicine
  - Pediatrics



# Culturally Competent Nursing Care: A Cornerstone of Caring

- March 16, 2007 launched new continuing education program for nurses
- Accredited for 9 CNEs-American Nurses
   Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation
- Web-based program, 24-7, at no cost to the participants.
- http://www.thinkculturalhealth.org



### Resources

- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, OMH: www.omhrc.gov
- OMH: www.thinkculturalhealth.org
- U.S. Office of Civil Rights: www.ocr.gov
- Cross Cultural Health Care www.diversityrx.org
- National Center for Cultural Competence: www.dm1.georgetown.edu
- Health Resources Service Administration: www.hrsa.gov



### Future Efforts

- Evaluation-Impact of training programs
- Phased patient-based curriculum evaluation
- Incorporate more clinical outcomes content







"I will now take questions from the floor"